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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of:

Alan DRIZEN et al.

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TOPICAL DRUG PREPARATIONS

## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box AF Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 1, 1998. The three month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on October 1, 1998. Accordingly, a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith extending the deadline for response to December 1, 1998. Further, a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Alan Drizen is also attached hereto. In view of the following amendments and remarks, as well as the attached Declaration, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 30 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein.